



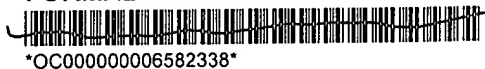
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- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- o The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**
- o Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue application establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Correction of the following is required to complete the reissue application:

☒ The reissue specification has not been provided in double-column format as is required by 37 CFR 1.173(a)(1). A **surcharge is not required when supplying this item.**

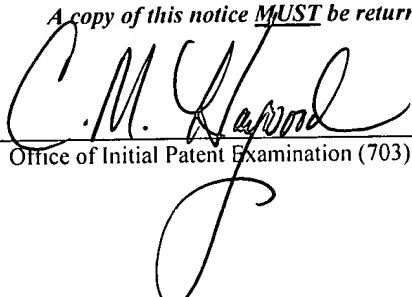
☒ Consent of the assignee is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that the reissue oath/declaration be accompanied by the written consent of all assignees. Until this item is supplied, the oath/declaration remains defective; thus, **payment of the surcharge (\$130 for large entity; \$65 for small entity) under 37 CFR 1.53(f) and 37 CFR 1.16(e) is required in addition to the supplying of this item. See MPEP § 1410.01.**

☐ Consent of the assignee is present, but is unsigned. A statement of consent bearing the signature of an official authorized to act on behalf of the assignee(s) must be provided, to comply with 37 CFR 1.172. Until this item is supplied, the oath/declaration remains defective; thus, **payment of the surcharge (\$130 for large entity; \$65 for small entity) under 37 CFR 1.53(f) and 37 CFR 1.16(e) is required in addition to the supplying of this item. See MPEP § 1410.01.**

☒ Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.72 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). See MPEP § 324. Until this item is supplied, the oath/declaration remains defective; thus, **payment of the surcharge (\$130 for large entity; \$65 for small entity) under 37 CFR 1.53(f) and 37 CFR 1.16(e) is required in addition to the supplying of this item. See MPEP § 1410.01.**

☐ Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is present, but is unsigned. A 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement bearing the signature of an official authorized to act on behalf of the assignee must be provided. Until this item is supplied, the oath/declaration remains defective; thus, **payment of the surcharge (\$130 for large entity; \$65 for small entity) under 37 CFR 1.53(f) and 37 CFR 1.16(e) is required in addition to the supplying of this item. See MPEP § 1410.01.**

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